No-Surplus Basis

July 1.

Columbia Hospital for Women, with-

in whose walls many thousands of

Washingtonians have first looked upon

the light of day, will be poorer by \$25,000

July 1, under a provision in the District

appropriation bill agreed to by both

Senate and House. Officials of the hos-

pital are now bemoaning the fact that

the institution has thus been put back

on a no-surplus basis despite the many

needed improvements that were to have

Usual Appropriation Made.

This year, as in previous years

the federal government.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER ON RECLASSIFYING EXPECTED JULY

President Considers Making It Effective for 60,000 U. S. Employes.

ALL DETAILS COMPLETED; **APPROPRIATION AWAITED**

Many Becoming Impatient Over Further Delay as Bonus Issue Comes Up Again.

BY WILL P. KENNEDY.

President Harding is considering putting reclassification of the nearly 60,000 federal employes in the District of Columbia into effect July 1, by executive order. The reclassification schedules, necessary to fix up the pay rolls promptly on that date, have been actually prepared by the United States bureau of efficiency, in co-operation with the administrative officers in each of the government establishments, in compliance with an executive order of President Harding on October 24, 1921.

All that is necessary to establish the new salaries on July 1 is for Congress to appropriate the money necessary to pay them. The amounts that will be required to do this for each office of the government have been ascertained down to the last dollar. This for the first year will dollar. This for the first year will cost about 2 per cent more than the present basic salaries plus the \$240 bonus, which it is proposed to absorb, since the government workers have been receiving it for the last

Impatient Over Delay.

Because the tariff bill has been oc upying the center of the stage and probably will continue to do so for several months, many senators who are opposed to passing another bonus bill and still more who are opposed to the Sterling-Lehlbach bill are impatient over further delay, since it would junk all the work that has been done by the bureau of efficiency and would require the study to be made all over again by the Ctvi Service Commission. This would entail an additional appropriation for the employment of "experts" and take a year's time for another "investigation."

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The Sterling-Lehlbach bill, carrying schedules for reclassification of the government employes, passed the House six months are any the been hanging fire in the Senate while debate drags on over the tariff. In the meantime there has been no legislation to assure the government workers that they will receive the \$240 bonus for the next fiscal year, which they must have to keep their homes together. While Cfihairman Madden of the House appropriations committee, House Leader Mondell and other prominent men in both the committee, House Leader Mondell and other prominent men in both the House and Senate have stated positively that the bonus will be taken care of in a separate measure if the reclassification bill does not become a law before July 1, it has been learned that certain members of the House and Senate have been in conference with a view to having the bonus cut to \$120.

nus cut to \$120. Pressure Brought on President.

The real friends of the government employes in both the House and the Senate are impatient, over the proby the bureau of efficiency and the administrative officers, pressure is being brought to bear on President Harding to issue an executive order under which the army of government workers would start the new fiscal year with a new statutory salary schedule carrying substantial in-

schedule carrying substantial increases.

These leaders in Congress feel that this is an especially appropriate time to make this adjustment in the pay of civil employes, because they have just passed the adjusted pay bill of the Army, and if they can have the pay of the civil employes adjusted to take effect July 1 next they will be able to go before the voters this fall with a much better record than if they simply pass a bill which will leave the question so vitally affecting the hames of 60,000 workers from every state in the Union up in the air for another year at least, while more money is being spent "investigated" for years by costly committees and commissions.

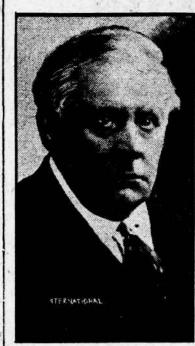
No Further Investigation Needed.

The reclassification schedule promulgated by the bureau of efficiency under President Harding's executive in "for the purpose of obtaining uni-

don through his cat, could repeat his romantic career in Moscow today, for cats are selling readily here for from 15.000,000 to 20,000,000 paper rubles each. The supply is entirely unequal to the demand. Most of the cats died during the last few lean years, when there was not enough food for humans, and mice and rats flourished undisturbed in the closed warehouses. Now with business reviving these warehouses are being unsealed and the result is a plague of rodents in many homes.

"Bend us cats and grimalkins gates."

Bottomley Given 7 Years in Prison



HORATIO BOTTOMLEY.

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, May 29 .- Horatio Bottomley, former publisher of John Bull, was found guilty today by a jury on the charge of misappropriation of funds belonging to the Victory Bond Club. He was sentenced to seven years' penal servi-

tude.

Bottomley served notice that he intended to appeal the case.

It took the jury barely half an hour to make up its mind and return the verdict of guilty.

Years ago Bottomley figured in several notorious fraud cases.

Mr. Bottomley's conviction was immediately made known in a message by the judge to the speaker of the house of commons, who formally announced it in the house. This automatically vacates Mr. Bottomley's seat in the house for South Hackney, which constituency he served in parliament 1908 to 1912 and again beginning in 1918, when he was re-elected.

The Bottomley case has been exciting intense interest in England for several months since the defendant, a member of Parliament, first was charged with fraudulently converting funds of the Victory Bond Club, a war-time organization of which he was the founder and president. When Bottomley was placed on trial he was specifically accused of misappropriating f5,000, but the prosecution alleged that of f493,000 he was declared to have handled, only f23,000 could be accounted for. Bottomley swore, however, during the trial that he had never made a penny out of his various clubs, or improperly taken any amount whatever from the clubs' funds.

The investors in the Bottomley clubs were largely of the poorer classes, who invested either out of patriotic motives or in the hope of gaining by winning the prizes offered, drawings for which were advertised at given periods.

Bottomley's publication, John Bull, was noted for its frequent attacks on America and things American.

Complete reorganization of the nethods of keeping accounts of the executive departments of the govern-ment and establishments throughout posed delay, even more than over the the country has been ordered to take new appropriation that would be re- effect July 1, it was announced toquired. Because they believe that day, the comptroller general of the the short-cut is to put through the United States, J. R. McCarl, issuing reclassification schedules worked out bulletin No. 1 to the heads of all departments and establishments for the "classification of objects of expenditure."

The reorganization is considered as a big step in the program of economy and efficiency launched by the ad-

mulgated by the bureau of efficiency under President Harding's executive order of October 24, 1921, which is the same as the schedule in the bill introduced in the House and Senate, respectively, by Representative Will R. Wood of Indiana and Senator Reed Smoot of Utah, can be put into effect July 1 without any further investigation or any further expense. It carries the support of all the administrative officers of the government.

The importance politically of having salaries adjusted on July 1 is felt by the leaders because, in connection with reclassifying the salaries, the bureau of efficiency and the administrative officers of the government have worked out a most complete and effective system for rating the efficiency of the employes with the idea of eliminating from the savice the drones and incompetents.

CATS WORTH FORTUNES.

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MOSCOW, Russia, May 29.—Dick Whittington, who is popularly supposed to have made his fortune in Lohdon through his cat, could repeat his romantic career in Moscow today, for catts are selling readily here for from 15,000,000 to 20,000,000 paper rubles

SENATORS PUT O. K. ON M'CUMBER PLAN FOR SOLDIER BONUS

Measure Similar to House Bill to Be Approved by Finance Committee.

DEMOCRATS NOW AGREE TO GIVE THEIR SUPPORT

Several Important Amendments Will Be Offered-Hope for Action After Tariff.

The so-called McCumber plan for a oldier bonus, providing for the issue of certificates and similar to the House bill, will be adopted by the Senate finance committee and reported to the Senate, it was indicated today it a full meeting of the committee. Senator McCumber, chairman of the committee, explained the provisions of his plan. Senator Smoot of Utah, who has advocated a plan of paid-up insurance as a substitute, also dis-

ussed his plan. The democratic members of the inance committee, who attended the meeting today on the bonus bill-the first time the democrats have been called in-indicated that they would support the McCumber plan in preference to the Smoot plan.

Plan Further Study.

When the committee adjourned a notion made by Senator Walsh, Massachusetts, democrat, that the Mc-Cumber plan should be adopted, was pending. The committee adjourned until Wednesday to give further op- Congress to Put Columbia on portunity for the senators to conider the various bonus plans. Democratic members of the com-

mittee made it clear that neither the McCumber plan nor the Smoot plan was satisfactory to them, but that they preferred the McCumber plan on the ground that it gave more imme-diate assistance to the former service

men.
Senator Simmons, ranking democratic member of the committee, gave
notice that he would probably offer
some amendments to the bill in committee. He will certainly offer them
when the bill gets in the Senate. Ald for Relatives Urged.

Senator Walsh of Massachusetts and Senator Jones of New Mexico, been made with the savings of many also a democrat, have planned to offer | years. amendments. One of the amendments which Senator Waish will submit would provide that the benefits under the bonus bill should be paid to the heirs of those former service men who died since the close of the war and the time of the passage of the bill, and who had no government insurance.

The, \$25,000 was accumulated through several years of good management and practical economy, according to Col. Myron M. Parker, president of the board of governors of the hospital, and it was done with foresight by the officials, looking to the time when there would surance.

while the republican members of the finance committee have been equally divided for several days on the McCumber-Smoot plans, it was said today that one of the republicans the majority among themselves in favor of that plan. that plan. The probabilities are that any drasthe probabilities are that any drag-tic amendments that may be offered by the democrats in committee will be voted down and that then the committee will report out the Mc-Cumber plan with some modifica-

Bonns Next After Tariff.

Astute, the republican leaders will urge the bonus bill be reported to the Senate and placed on the calannounce that the bonus bill will be taken up in turn as soon as the tariff ties of the District. The surplus is bill has been passed. In other words, they will hold the bonus bill over the heads of the democrats who are delaying the passage of the tariff bill. The hope is that the soldiers' organizations which are pressing for action on the bonus bill will help to discourage delay on the tariff bill. When the committee took up the bonus bill today no word, it was said, had been received from the President in regard to it.

MONARCHISTS CRUSHED IN HUNGARIAN ELECTION

Early Returns Indicate Big Victory for Government-Social

By Cable to The Star and Chicago Daily News. Copyright, 1922. CAIRO, Egypt. May 29.—The

tombs of the fat and feroclous

queens ruling over the declining

Ethiopian empire 300 centuries be-

fore the Christian era have re-

cently been excavated at Merce

by Prof. George A. Risner's Harvard University expedition. Within a radius of two miles of the ancient capital are three great groups of pyramid tembs, of which the expedition excavated fifty-seven last winter. Prof. Risner has now returned to his home at the base of the Ghisch pyramids and is preparing a report on his discoveries.

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The most important discovery was that queens were more numerous than kings in the regular dynastic succession in Ethiopia. The tombs were unusually large, as the retainers of the rulers were buried alive with them outside the pyramids. Before these Ethiopian female monarchs there were only two queens that ruled Egypt, one reigning 2,000 and the other 1,300 year's before Christ. They were not regular dynasty queens. One grave showed that a child princess had been entombed with her nursemaid and 338 retainers.

Though all the tombs had been plundered in earlier centuries.

By the Associated Press.

BUDAPEST. May 29.—First returns from the Hungarian parliamentary elections indicate an overwhelming victory for the government. The Carlist right wing, or monarchist party, is regarded as crushed on the basis of these results, and it seems probable that the social democrats will make a great gain.

The election of seventy-four government and six opposition candidates is assured so far.

WITH CHILD PRINCESS, TOMB SHOWS

some gold and jewelfy and many bronzes and fragments of glass were jound with inscriptions disclosing the hitherto unwritten life story of the Ethiopian empire before and at the beginning of the Christian era. The Ethiopians, a dark-skinned non-negro race, coming from the Selima oasis, conquered the land of the Pharaohs in the eighth century before Cfirist. King Tirhaka is mentioned in the old testament in connection with Hezekiah and a threatened Assyrian invasion. Prof. Risner had previously established the existence of this dynasty when excavating the pyramids of the ancient capital. Napata. After the Assyrians had conquered Egypt the capital was moved to Meroe, the dynasty of queens starting in the era of Alexander the Great.

It has just been established that the dynasty of gleens starting in the Ethiopian empire, which disintegrated into the present Soudaness ribes. Half of all the fragments found by foreign expeditions go to the Egyptian government. Many believe that the paucity of results from most of the recent excavations indicates that the golden age of systematic archeological research in Egypt has passed, though possibly rich discoveries may be made by accident in the Fiture.

388 ATTENDANTS BURIED ALIVE

SAY DAYLIGHT SAVING CHANGE WOMEN'S HOSPITAL IS UP TO GOVERNMENT CLERKS POORER BY \$25,000

Trade Organizations Reluctant to Make Further Suggestion to President-Agitation for Former Rule Continues.

TODAY'S VOTE ON DAYLIGHT-SAVING Present Moving Clocks

	System.		Ahead.	
30 1	For	Against	For	Against
Governmentemployes	34	207	45	197
Others	12	163	30	145
Today's totals	46	370	75	342
Previously Recorded	Present System.		Moving Clocks Ahead.	
	For	Against	For	Against
Governmentemployes	323	2,947	763	2,144
Others	306	3,026	1,054	2,191
Grand totals	675	6 343	1.892	A 677

By a paragraph inserted in the District appropriation bill by the House appropriations committee and concurred in by the Senate and the House this \$25,000 saving must be turned into the United States Treasury, and officials of the hospital feel a keen sense of loss because all efforts to obtain a working capital have been in vain. They feel that the money, instead of being saved, might have been spent justifiably every year for the betterment of the hospital.

Usual Appropriation Made. Any action looking to a suggestion | ment departments who are more affor a change in the present daylightsaving plan by the trade organizations of the city will have to come from the full membership, the mem ers of the committees representing these bodies having stated today that they were without authority to suggest a change to the President. The endar. The republicans will then Congress appropriated \$17,000 to the general view expressed by several of the members of the committee hospital through the board of chariwhich called on the President was bill has been passed. In other words, not to be turned back to the local that if there was any desire for a board of charities, however, but to change, it should come at this time from the government clerks and

the federal government.

"There are many improvements vital to the welfare of Columbia Hospital that we had planned to be providing for out of the surplus fund," Col. Parker said today. "But now there is not enough to more than meet the regular run of expenses.

"The home for the nurses is in such a disreputable and run-down condition that it is difficult to obtain first-class nurses and many have left us on that account. They live in a series of frame shacks, very old, very insanitary and extremely dangerous as firstraps. The woodwork and furnishings are so old that it is impossible to keep them free from vermin. They are really quarters not fit to be inhabited. It would be impossible to erect new structures from our erstwhile fund, that would have to come from an appropriation, but we had planned renovating it and refurnishing it.

"Now our money is gone and we can members of the cabinet. President Harding, it is understood President Harding, it is understood, will consider changing the time of government departments working hours, if the committee which saw him and suggested the change would come to the White House and inform him that it has not worked. When this information was imparted to those who were members of that committee, they said that their or-ganizations had acted on the propo-sition and that they were not au-thorized to change that action by go-ing to the President and informing him that the plan was not satisfac-

Brig. Gen. Anton Stephan, president of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association, said that the committee went to the White House at the invitation of the President. Any further suggestions, Gen. Stephan said, should

ment departments who are more affected by the present plan than any other group. The cabinet, he also said, should suggest any further changes that they find might be wanted by the employes in their respective departments.

W. C. Johnson, chairman of the industrial relations committee of the Washington Board of Trade, and a member of the committee which visited the President in the interest of daylight-saving, said that he would take the matter up with his organization and do as they ordered. His organization, he said, had voted for daylight-saving and he could not take any other stand until the organization had a cated. However, he said, he would deanything the President wished to have done.

Will approve of France being represented only on condition that the deliberations at The Hague be confined to economic questions. Ambassador Jusserand at Washington has exchanged views regarding to have conference with Secretary of these conversations as negotiations tending to induce the United States to send representatives to The Hague is erroneous, the French government having no reason to try to convince the United States, since the attitude of the two governments is quite the same.

HAGUE INVITATIONS ISSUED.

The Washington Chamber of Commerce, through its board of directors, voted for daylight-saving, according to A. E. Seymour, secretary

the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association and a member of the committee which called on the President, also said that any suggestions for a change back to the old hours should come from the employes of the government departments. He said the Merchants and Manufactur-(Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)

ARMY RETIREMENT | PRESIDENT TO SEE DISPUTE SETTLED ARMY-NAVY GAME

dent's Approval Unnecessary.

Deciding a matter which has been disputed in Army circles since the world war, the United States Supreme Court held today that it is not necessary for the President to review and approve personally each individual surprise when the yacht Mayflower, case to make effective the work of on which President Harding left the retirement board in removing Washington Saturday, with Mrs. officers of the Army from the active Harding and a party of friends, for list, under the national defense act. a cruise down Chesapeake bay, drop-The decision was handed down in cases brought by John W. French dent to partidipate in the "Commence and William F. Creary, who sought ment Monday" program. There ha to have revoked their forcible, invol-

Supreme Court Holds Presi- Annapolis Commencement Throng Surprised as Mayflower Docks.

By the Associated Press.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., May 29.—Hundreds attending the graduation exercises at the United States Naval Academy today received a complete ped anchor here to permit the Presiment Monday" program. There had been no announcement prior to the

to have revoked their forcible, involuntary removal, the former by retirement and the latter by discharge, on the ground that the Secretary of War and not the President had approved the findings of the boards.

The two officers were successful in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, but they lost in the Court of Appeals.

The status of a large number of officers who had been removed from active service was involved as well as the status of those officers who were promoted to fill the vacancies.

MISS M'CORMICK TO SAIL,

Will Leave for Europe Tomorrow. Refuses to Confirm or Deny Oser, May Come Here.

By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, May 29.—Miss Mathilde McCormick of Chicago, whose engage-ment to Max Oser, Swiss riding master, has been announced, will sail for Europe tomorrow on the Berengaria, she said

"I have nothing further to say and I don't want to be bothered with questions," she added.

Miss McCormick, daughter of the wealthy harvester manufacturer, will be accompanied by Miss Julia Mangold, at one time bookkeeper to Oser, who came from Chicago with her.

Previous reports had quoted Oser as saying he expected to come to America in June. Miss McCormick declined to confirm or deny these reports.

WAR DEBT REPLY

Belived to Have Acceded to Demands of Reparations Commission.

PARIS, May 29 .- Germany's reply to the reparations commission on the demands made by the commission in connection with reperations pay- publican army, the insurgents and ments was delivered at the office of the commission at 3:40 o'clock this ment, are believed to have been rep

Unofficial forecasts were that Germany would accede to all the demands made by the commission upon condition she be granted an international loan on reasonable terms.

Hermes Negotiations. The commission's demands were

agreed upon in the recent negotiations here between the commission and the German finance minister. Andreas Hermes. They include provisions for the virtual dictation by the entente of measures for the reform of Germany's financial affairs. Advices from Berlin say that the Wirth cabinet's decision to abide by

Wirth cabinet's decision to abide by the results of Herr Hermes' efforts here was decisively influenced by the prospects of securing the urgently needed loan, and that the government's reparation policy will be sustained by the reichstag.

Whether France will be represented at the coming conference at The Hague on Russian affairs will be decided by the chamber of deputies in the course of the debate on foreign affairs, which will be resumed tomorrow. Premier Poincare will take the floor either tomorrow or Wednesday to explain the situation and say that it is for the chamber to indicate what action the government ought to take.

Basis of Decision.

ever, that in any case the parliament will approve of France being repre-

HAGUE INVITATIONS ISSUED.

THE HAGUE, May 29.-Invitations

have been issued by the presidents of the Genoa conference in agreement with the Dutch government for comof the chamber and a member of the ing parleys at The Hague. It is in of the chamber and a member of the committee which went to the White House. Mr. Seymour said that not until the directors had ordered otherwise would he assume responsibility for asking that a change be made back to the old hours. The board is scheduled to meet a week from tomorrow.

Charles J. Columbus, secretary of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association and a member of the committee which called on the Presipected to determine who will pariotic to the committee which called on the Presipected to determine who will pariotic to the committee which called on the Presipected to determine who will pariotic to the committee which called on the Presipected to determine who will pariotic to the committee which called on the Presipected to determine who will pariotic that two commissions shall meet here June 26, one to comprise experts from the states represented at Genoa, excluding Russia and Germany, and the other commission to the commission to the commission to the tended that two commissions shall meet here June 26, one to commissions shall meet here June 26, one to commission to the commissions shall meet here June 26, one to commissions shall meet here June 26, one of commissions shall meet here June 26, one of commissions shall pected to determine who will par-ticipate in a non-Russian commission pected to determine who will participate in a non-Russian commission. By June 26 at the latest it is expected that the names of the nations and their representatives will be communicated to the secretariat general, which is under the general jurisdiction of a Holland delegata. The commissions will study the differences that exist between the nations, particularly matters relating to debts, private property and credits to Russia, and endeavor to formulate recommendations for submission to their respective governments. The foreign office has intrusted to Dr. Vande Sande Bakhuyzen, a consular officer and member of the Holland delegation at Genoa, the task of preparing and organizing data for The Hague conference.

16-YEAR-OLD BOY KILLED

Raymond Torryson Falls From Moving Motor Truck. Raymond Torryson, sixteen year old, of 2105 Pennsylvania avenue, lish the following communique:

was run over and instantly killed by a motor truck about noon today at the military court in Damascus sen-Sherman avenue and Girard street. The boy was riding on the truck, when he attempted to walk from the rear to the front of the machine. He cation from the official press bureau fell over the side and one of the wheels passed over his body. His skull was fractured and his body crushed. He was pronounced dead when taken to Garfield Hospital.

BUT DECLINES TO TALK FIGHTING IS SHARP ON ULSTER BORDER: 6 DEAD, MANY HURT

Churchill Announces British Troops Will Remain in **Dublin for Present.**

CONFERENCE IN LONDON ON TREATY IS DELAYED

Immediate Anglo-Irish Break Averted-Confidence in Collins

B; the Associated Press.

BELFAST, May 29.—Sharp fighting etween members of the Irish republican army and the Ulster special constabulary occurred last night along the boundary between counties Dougel and Fermanagh in the Belleek district. Five republicans are reported to have been killed and a number wounded. One constable was

The fighting followed the action of the Ulster police in taking possession of Belleek and Magserenens castle. nearby. "

Special police from the Belleek For were ambushed and compelled to abandon their motor car, the drive: of which was killed during the heavy firing. Both wings of the Irish rethose under the Free State governresented in the force which the sterites encounted.

Attack in Horse Shoe Form The southerners attacked in horse

shoe formation, the only side open to the police facing on Lough Erne. across which they have been receiving their supplies by boat .. The republicans' intention to cut this line of communication was foil-

ed by the northerners, who repulsed their assailants after a pitched bat

The Culling Tree road police bar racks, near Falls road, was attacked today. Several of the police were wounded, one seriously.

Crown Forces Search Hou

Crown forces last evening carried out an exhaustive search of houses on streets in the neighborhood of the Falls road. About twenty-five mer were arrested and some ammunition was seized. The prisoners included an Irish republican army picket. Unofficial reports were received here that a truce on the Louth-Armagi

floor either tomorrow or Wednesday to explain the situation and say that it is for the chamber to indicate what action the government ought to take.

Basis of Decision.

The decision of the chamber, it appears, will depend upon the interpretation given the resolution adopted at Genoa fixing the conditions for the conference. It is expected, how.

border was reached both at Newry

Dundalk is crowded with people rom the border districts. Gunboate are lying at Carlingford in Dundalk bay.

Seven Buildings Burne

Incendiarism again played an important part in the week end pro ceedings in Belfast and there was considerable looting. Seven business houses were destroyed, principally houses were destroyed, principally the properties of Protestant firms in Catholic areas. These included a paper warehouse in Kent street, in the heart of the city; a linen factory, a cloth factory, a cabinet factory, an oil warehouse and a paper-making plant. The damage amounted to thousands of pounds.

One block in Talbot street was almost destroyed. A bomb thrown into a house in Shaftesbury avenue wounded a man and his wife and baby.

Sergt. Leech of the royal Irish constabulary was shot dead in Bruns-wick street while walking with a woman friend. The murderer escaped. TROOPS TO STAY IN DUBLIN.

After a meeting of the cabinet Iris (Continued on Page 2, Column 3.)

CRANE SENTENCE DECLARED UNTRUE

Arabic Newspapers Retract Story That American Had Been Convicted. By JUNIUS B. WOOD.

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BEIRUT, Syria, May 29.—Several of the local Arabic newspapers pub-

"We have published a notice that tenced Charles R. Crane, an American, to twenty years' imprisonment Today we have received a communisaying that the news is untrue."

The original item, which was print

ed in all the newspapers, was apparently intended to impress Syrians with the fact that even Americans